

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

29 April 2013

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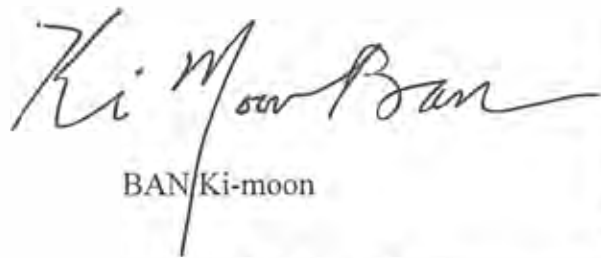
I would like to thank you for your letter of 8 April 2013 and to congratulate you and the people of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the important occasion of your country's twentieth anniversary as a Member State of the United Nations. Your country's unwavering support for the United Nations is highly appreciated.

Since joining the Organization in 1993, your country's contribution has truly been generous. As a host of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, your country contributed to a pioneering effort in preventive action by the United Nations. I commend your country's efforts and the progress it has made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. I count on your commitment and leadership as we shape a post-2015 development framework.

Significant strides towards increased cooperation between States have been made in the last twenty years in the Western Balkans region. Good relations between neighbouring countries should remain a top priority. The prompt resolution of the name dispute with your southern neighbour remains critical in this regard. I count on your continued personal engagement to bring this process to a successful conclusion.

Once again, congratulations on the twentieth anniversary of your country as a Member State of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Gjorge Ivanov  
President of the former Yugoslav Republic  
of Macedonia  
Skopje

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The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Gjorge Ivanov, President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a final flourish.

Susana Malcorra  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Pajo Avirovikj  
Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav  
Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations  
New York



Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
Cabinet du Secrétaire général

To: CDC (through DSG),

Attached please find, for your approval and the SG's signature, a reply letter to H.E. Mr. Gjorge Ivanov, President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, regarding the twentieth anniversary of his country's accession to the United Nations.

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Political Unit  
29 April 2013

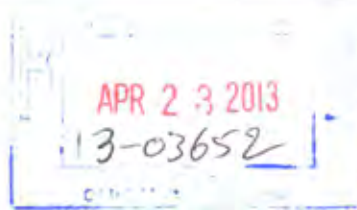
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Note to Ms. Malcorra

**LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC  
OF MACEDONIA, H.E. DR. GJORGE IVANOV**

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Jeffrey Feltman  
23 April 2013

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